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I believe I am the original, first and sole/joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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